

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF NVTC
Meeting March 6, 2014

Members present: Peter Black, Valerie Burton, Joe Caturano, Tony Grimm, Susan Haenisch, Ron Kerns, Judy Regner, Tracy Self, Rev. Gerald Vaiden

Members absent:

Also present: Tim Simmons, Advocate

The committee met in the Executive Conference Room of Building One at NVTC. Members began gathering shortly before 10 a.m. The meeting was called to order and the public comment period opened at 10:01 a.m. The committee voted and approved the meeting agenda as written. The minutes of the February 6 meeting were approved. The public comment period closed at 10:06, no one having appeared to speak to the committee.

At 10:12 a.m. Deb Vought joined the meeting and the committee went into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711A, to review incident reports, the advocate's report, and restrictive behavior plans. There was one pica incident reported in February, and there was one abuse/neglect investigation. At 10:20 Kevin Paluszak, Regional Human Rights Advocate, joined the meeting. At 10:55 Deb Vought left the meeting. At 11:03 psychology staff presented one restrictive behavior plan. At 11:20 Mark Diorio joined the meeting to provide further information on the abuse/neglect investigation reported by Deb Vought. Dr. Diorio left the meeting at 11:40.

The committee exited executive session at 11:42 a.m. All members certified that only topics covered by the Code section had been discussed. The committee voted on approval for one behavior plan. The advocate reported that community providers are being connected to the CRIS system, and the Human Rights regulations are in the process of being updated. During lunch, the committee discussed the request to the SHRC regarding terms for current committee members. The advocates presented the committee with the information that the SHRC is not able to deviate from the regulations regarding term limits for committee members. However, they presented the possibility of the NVTC LHRC reformatting as a new committee which would enable it to be the LHRC for community providers while continuing to serve NVTC. At 1:15 the committee voted in approval of reformatting as a new committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Burton
Secretary